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My dear Mr.Mirza,

Herewith I am sending the file regarding the proposed amendments to the Press Regulation. ~~There is one point to which I must~~ refer that has not been mentioned in the Submission Note. In the Private Secretary's D.O.letter of the 5th October 1918, one of the instructions conveyed was that mentioning the names of His Highness the Maharaja and His Highness the Yuvaraja in controversial matters should be prohibited. In the draft now submitted references disrespectful to His Highness the Maharaja have been brought within the purview of clause 4. If His Highness the Yuvaraja is also to receive the same protection his name will have to be brought into this clause. It is however a point for consideration whether it would be advisable by a formal legislative enactment to extend to His Highness the Yuvaraja the protection from attacks in the public press which the Sovereign must have. If His Highness the Yuvaraja is mentioned, there may be equal justification to include the names of other members of the Royal family, such as, Her Highness the Maharani (late Regent) and Her Highness the Maharani. It would be difficult to say where the line should be drawn. His Highness the Yuvaraja by virtue of his being Heir-presumptive indeed holds a peculiar position in Mysore; but the question is whether it would be regarded as constitutionally correct to legislate for special protection to the Heir-presumptive or Heir-apparent.

I request that His Highness' pleasure in the matter may kindly be ascertained.

Yours sincerely,

20.9.22

Sub to S.H.

as directed by H.H. Suggested that
word "Ruling family" may be used in
the draft Regulation. Diwan said he would
have the opinion of Right Hon. Sastri
& others. Asks us to consult his colleagues
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Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja.
Informed Sec to H.H.
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